



SAN PEDRO

CATHOLIC CHURCH DIOCESE OF VENICE, FLORIDA



"I am the vine;
you are the
branches..."

MAY 16TH AT 10:45AM MASS
1st Holy Communion

First Holy Communion is on May 16th and the main front pews will be reserved for the families of the children receiving. Thank you for your cooperation!



Readings: Lec 53
Reading Acts 9:26-31
Resp Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32
Reading 1 Jn 3:18-24
Gospel Jn 15:1-8

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Weekly Offertory 4/25/21
Offertory: \$12,626
2nd Collection Catholic
Home Missions: \$1,889

Respect Life Meetings Resume

Meetings Resume May 3rd on first Mondays 6:30-8:00pm



Starting May 3rd and first Mondays of every month from 6:30-8:00pm in the Seminar Room in the Parish Life Building. Masks are required and we will be maintaining social distancing. Anyone concerned about protecting the sanctity and sacredness of every human life is very welcome to come and participate! We are looking for new members!

INTENTIONS

Mon, May 3rd	8:30am	Patricia McCarthy (D)
Tues, May 4th	8:30am	Gladys Archbold (D)
Wed, May 5th	8:30am	Justin Lorenz (D) Alan DeGroot 4th Mem. Anniv. (D) Alberto Martinez (L)
Thur, May 6th	8:30am	Ann Weber (D)
Fri, May 7th	8:30am	Bernadette Rieser (D)
Sat, May 8th	8:30pm 4pm	Ken & Ann Weber (D) Joseph Castronova (D)
Sun, May 9th	7:30am 9am 10:45am	Carol Ann Capabianca (D) Valentina Tomashosky (D) People of the Parish Stanislawa Wazny (D)

SCHEDULE

Daily Rosary (Mon-Sat) 8:00am
Daily Liturgy (Mon-Sat) 8:30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays 2:00 pm

Weekend Mass Schedule
Saturday Vigil 4:00pm
Sunday 7:30 | 9:00 | 10:45am
Rosary in the Grotto after 10:45 Mass

Holy Day Masses 7:30 & 9am, 7pm

Prayer Line Ministry: For your immediate prayer needs and petitions call Dolly at 941-240-5419. Anyone interested in praying for fellow parishioners & their families, please call.

San Pedro Catholic Church... The Key to the Future.

In contrast to some larger area churches, San Pedro stands out as an uncrowded, warm, and friendly parish providing a more intimate worship environment. **Our pastor is Reverend Patrick Organ.**



A Heart of Giving

Please call the parish office if you wish to move to online giving or if you need help in adjusting your reoccurring online gift.

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5th Sunday of Easter

John 15:1-8

John 15:2. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.



Ask Yourself...

How do I abide in the Lord? Above all by prayer, raising my heart and mind to God each morning. How do I draw strength from him?

In today's Gospel, Jesus uses the image of the vine and the branches. This is a familiar parable to us. Jesus tells his disciples that he, Jesus, is the "true" vine and his Father is the vine grower. And if his Father is the vine grower, He is responsible for growing good grapes that will make good quality wine. Jesus also says that the vine grower will prune us. Painful as this seems, this pruning will enable us to bear more fruit.

However, who wants to be pruned? Do you? For myself, I don't like it when I am being pruned! Typically, pruning entails loss and pain. Personally, I prefer to be left alone. However, if I am not pruned, the consequence is that I will not bear good fruit.

Life prunes us all the time. And most often, we do not like the pruning. Being pruned is typically painful and difficult. Yet, after a period of time, we may come to realize that this pruning has enabled us to bear fruit in new and different ways. We also may begin

to experience the new life that has come from our pruning. We may have grown and changed for the better!

The vine grower recognizes when the vines need to be pruned. And the vine grower also realizes that better fruit will grow because the vine has been pruned. Do we trust our "vine grower?" Do we trust that God only desires goodness, happiness and abundant fruit for us? Hopefully our answer is yes! True, it does not take away the pain of being pruned. Most often "being pruned" is difficult. However, if we trust our vine grower and believe that growth and plenty will come from the pruning, we will bear abundant fruit in our lives.

Today and always may we trust our Vine grower. He only desires what is best for us. And He will prune us in a gentle and loving way!

Sr Kristine Anne Harpenau
Sisters of St. Benedict of Ferdinand, Indiana



Let us remember the souls of: **Patricia Ruddagh, Maria Hoang Oanh Ofsanko & Pawel Bogumil Mojsa**

A State of Wisdom

There is nothing we receive with so much reluctance as advice.

Respect yourself is you would have others respect you. -Baltasar Gracian

People say "What is the sense of our small effort?" They cannot see that we must lay one brick at a time, take one step at a time. -Dorothy Day

People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care about them.

We can't do everything for everyone, everywhere, but we can do something for someone, somewhere.

The future always holds something for the man who keeps his faith in it.

Be yourself. Cultivate desirable qualities. -Everett W. Lord

If you have to stand on your head to make somebody happy, all you can expect is a big headache. -Ilene Beckerman

Age does not protect you from love, but love - to some extent - protects you from age.

You can't be a smart cookie if you have a crummy attitude.

We lie loudest when we lie to ourselves.



A Joke

Little Johnny was discussing his new teacher. "She's mean but she's fair," he said. "How's that?" asked his mother. "She's mean to everyone," he replied.



ONLINE GIVING

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WHAT IS myEoffering?

myEoffering is a service we've teamed up with to give you the ability to send your offerings online in the same way that many of you already pay bills and purchase products. We chose to use myEoffering because they are part of a trusted, Christian family-owned company, who have been serving the needs of churches for nearly 100 years. Their product is solid, secure, easy, and convenient.

WHY SHOULD I USE myEoffering?

Many of you already pay for most of your purchases electronically, whether online or with a credit or debit card. So we have decided to offer this service as a convenience to you - you can stop writing checks or having to remember to bring cash every Sunday. Simply log in to our service and set up your offering. You can set the donations to match your pay periods, and even send your one-time donations to the special offerings we may have from time-to-time. This new service allows you to give any amount, at any time, from home or on the road, with your computer or even your mobile device. Now you can control how and when you give your tithes.

HOW DOES IT HELP?

Online giving is the future. In the lifetime of our young people, we will see electronic payments overshadow traditional methods of paper payments. In order to position ourselves to continue doing the work of God in the future and to make it as convenient as possible to be a cheerful giver to God's work, we have decided to offer online giving to you. In addition to easier access to giving and more engagement with young stewards, online offering has many benefits for the church. It allows us to more easily track contributions for budgeting. It saves us from manually tracking those contributions every week. It saves us from large fees on check processing and allows us to more accurately forecast expenditures and needs.

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

Signing up is as simple as going to our church website listed above and look for the green computer mouse icon. That button will take you to the myEoffering page for our church. Simply sign up and begin giving online today! Or scan the code to the right with your mobile device to get started now.



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ALTAR FLOWERS, BREAD & WINE.

Flowers are used during weekend Masses outside of Lent and Advent and remain present for daily Mass. Many dates are still available during 2021. The suggested offering is \$50.

Arrangements for the dedication of Altar Bread, Wine and Flowers are made by calling or stopping by the office Monday thru Friday, 9am-2pm.



The gratitude goes to...

Altar Bread and Wine for the month of May have been donated In Loving Memory of Sam Cipriano by Rosa Cipriano

The Altar Flowers this weekend have been donated In Remembrance of a wonderful marriage with Wishy, Love Joan



P: 941-426-2500

Call us to reserve your intention or stop by the Parish Office. The deadline for Mother's Day is Monday, May 3rd.

Mothers & Fathers

Intentions for Mother's Day May 9th & Father's Day June 20th.

The 9:00am Mass will be offered for an unlimited number of Living & Deceased mothers and fathers. Their names and the names of the donors will be listed in the appropriate bulletins. Arrange a Mother's

Day and/or Father's Day intention by calling or coming to the Parish Office. The donation is \$10.00/intention. Proceeds go towards San Pedro's Catholic Faith Appeal Goal.

The deadline for Mother's Day is Monday, May 3rd. Thank you and God bless!

Good and Gentle God, we pray in gratitude for our mothers, fathers and for all the women and men who have joined with you in the wonder of bringing forth new life. Give them the strength to live and to be loved in return, not perfectly, but humanly. Give them joy and delight in their children to sustain them through the trials of parenthood. Most of all, give them the wisdom to turn to you for help when they need it most. Amen.

Faith Formation

REGISTRATION

If you are interested in helping or finding out where your gifts can be used please call Miss Anne at 941-426-2893

There will be a General Incoming Confirmation year 1 parent meeting on May 5, 2021 at 6:00pm in the Parish Life Center. This will be for those students entering Confirmation Prep Year 1. You will be able to register at this time.

Tentative Class times for grade levels are listed in the Parish Life Center. FAITHFORMATION@SANPEDROCC.ORG

I wish to give a heart felt Thank You for those teachers that are leaving, moving, or retiring from teaching. There are several opportunities to volunteer in the Faith Formation Program, and we need help to build up our community. If you are interested in helping or finding out where your gifts can be used please call Miss Anne at 941-426-2893



Open for enrollment!

Epiphany Cathedral School is Open for Enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year! PreK 3, PreK 4 & VPK through 8th grade. Low student to teacher ratio. Contact Leah Mihm at 941-615-0284 to schedule a tour of the school.



1800 Abortions in the US each day

Diocesan Respect Life Events

We focus on the beginning of life, end of life, capital punishment and legislative action on the parish, diocesan, state and national levels.

● dioceseofvenice.org/offices/offices-departments/respect-life/



1.61B Billions of Abortion Worldwide

Spiritual Adoption Program

Start a 9-month journey of spiritually adopting an unborn child who is at risk of being killed by abortion. Receive monthly updates.

● dov.org/offices/offices-departments/respect-life/parish-spiritual-adoption-program/



62.6M US abortions since Roe v. Wade

Project Rachel (Healing)

Don't suffer in silence. There is healing after abortion through Project Rachel. Contact Sylvia Jimenez at 941-412-5860

● dov.org/offices/offices-departments/respect-life/post-abortion-help/

Foster Homes Needed in Florida.

This May, during Nation Foster Care Month, please consider providing a loving home for a child who has been separated from his or her parents. Over 20,000 children in Florida have been removed from their parents or guardians; however, only 5,000 families are certified to meet their needs. If you are interested in learning more please call 1-83-FOSTERFL or visit MyFloridaMyFamily.com.



Reach out to these organizations as soon as possible.

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Miami, Inc. Contact urmp@ccadm.org or (305) 883-3383 or amolina@ccadm.org
Bethany Christian Services, Central Florida. Visit bethany.org/locations/us/florida/central-florida or call (407) 877-4006



If you are interested in immigrant and refugee foster care...
...please reach out to one of the two U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' foster care program partners in Florida.

Venice Diocesan Council of Catholic Women 34th Annual Convention



"What have you done for the least of my people?"
Matthew 25:40

This year's VDCCW Convention is being hosted at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church @ 1301 Center Road, Venice, FL 34293

You're Invited to Attend ...

VDCCW Convention Day 1

Friday, June 4, 2021, starting @ 9:30am

VDCCW Convention Day 2

Saturday, June 5, 2021, starting @ 9:30am – Mass @ 3:00pm

**Cost of 2-day convention is \$75 and includes lunch each day
(cost of one day cost = \$65)
Unfortunately, no registrations will be accepted after 5/25/2021**

Each day will include personal development time, dynamic speakers and workshops, as well as providing the opportunity to meet women from around the Diocese along with the President of the Florida Council of Women.

Hear a motivating message from Bishop Dewane who will be present each day with a message for the group. Your Spirituality, Leadership and Service (mission statement) activities will be fed and challenged!

Please contact Bernadette Raftery (raffs2@mindspring.com or (704) 968-9580) for registration applications or Ellen Bachman (pennyln99@aol.com or (941) 721-7393) for additional information.

THE ROSARY IN OUR DAILY LIVES

Daily Morning Rosary

Rosary is said every morning starting at 8AM before the 8:30AM Mass. **Intention for this Rosary is any private intention.** Also, we recite 15 decades of the Rosary after the Wednesday morning Mass.

12Noon Sunday Rosary for America

Rosary will be held every Sunday after the 10:45AM Mass at the Grotto of San Pedro. (In case of bad weather, the Rosary will be held outside Chapel Doors under the roof). **Intention for his Rosary is the Salvation, Conversion and God's Protection of the United States of America.**

First Saturday Devotion

Rosary starts at 1PM outside at the Grotto of Our Lady. (In case of bad weather the Rosary will be held outside Chapel Doors under the roof).

Confessions start at 2PM in the Chapel which is followed by Mass at 4PM. The Saturday Devotion needs to be done on the five consecutive first Saturdays. For any questions, please call Ania at (941) 876-3826.

Intention of this devotion is to come under the protection of Our Holy Mother Mary.

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Divine Mercy Chaplet is sung or recited every Tuesday after the 8:30AM Mass. AND at 3 PM on the 1st Friday of the month.

Prayer Line

For any prayer intention please call Dolly at 941 240-5419. Prayer Warriors always needed. As a Prayer Warrior you pray at your own time anywhere you are. We do not meet in a group. If you feel the call to pray for others, and in that way share your love with the world, please contact Dolly to join our wonderful team.



Join us for these Special Events!

Speaker: Dr. Kevin Schapley: May 11th 2021 @ 11:30am Lunch and Learn in Activity Center. Speaker: Dr. Kevin Schapley, Topic; "Healthy Mouth, Healthy Body." Please RSVP to reserve your spot (and so we can estimate lunch needs). Please call Patricia, the Parish Nurse at 941-423-7139 to sign up.

Prayer Shawl Meeting: May 10th 2021 @11:00am until 12:00pm Prayer Shawl Meeting in the Activity Center

OLPH Monthly Days of Prayer and Private Retreats - Our Lady of Perpetual Help (OLPH) Retreat and Spirituality Center, 3989 South Moon Drive, Venice, offers a Monthly Day of Prayer on the second Wednesday and the second Sunday of each month. Call 941-486-0233, ext. 3004.



Find more information. Visit www.olph-retreat.org